

House Amendment 1629

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1 1 Amend House File 756 as follows:
1 2 #1. Page 1, by inserting before line 1 the
1 3 following:
1 4 <Section 1. NEW SECTION. 28N.1 MISSISSIPPI RIVER
1 5 PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL == FINDINGS.
1 6 The state of Iowa finds and declares all of the
1 7 following:
1 8 1. The preservation, enhancement, and intelligent
1 9 use of the Mississippi river is in the ecological and
1 10 economic interests of the citizens of the state of
1 11 Iowa.
1 12 2. The public interest is advanced by the
1 13 stimulation of sustainable economic development
1 14 initiatives and watershed management projects by
1 15 local, state, and federal agencies, local communities,
1 16 not-for-profit conservation organizations, private
1 17 landowners, and other stakeholders on the Mississippi
1 18 river and its watershed.
1 19 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 28N.2 MISSISSIPPI RIVER
1 20 PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL == ESTABLISHMENT AND PROCEDURES.
1 21 1. A Mississippi river partnership council is
1 22 established. The purpose of the council is to be a
1 23 forum for city, county, state, agriculture, business,
1 24 conservation, and environmental representatives and
1 25 other stakeholders to discuss matters relevant to the
1 26 health, management, and use of the Mississippi river.
1 27 In furthering its purpose the council may work with
1 28 local communities to develop local and regional
1 29 strategies, and make recommendations to appropriate
1 30 state and federal agencies.
1 31 2. The Mississippi river partnership council may
1 32 consist of all of the following:
1 33 a. One nonvoting person appointed by the governor
1 34 who shall serve as the chairperson of the council.
1 35 b. Five voting members appointed by the governor,
1 36 including all of the following:
1 37 (1) One member representing soil and water
1 38 conservation districts.
1 39 (2) One person representing business.
1 40 (3) One person representing recreational
1 41 interests.
1 42 (4) One person representing conservation
1 43 interests.
1 44 (5) One person representing environmental
1 45 interests.
1 46 c. Ten voting members appointed by county boards
1 47 of supervisors, one by each of the ten Iowa counties
1 48 bordering the Mississippi river.
1 49 d. Ten voting members appointed by city councils,
1 50 one each by the council of the largest Iowa city
2 1 adjacent to the Mississippi river in each county
2 2 bordering the river.
2 3 e. Four voting members, each appointed by the
2 4 heads of the following departments:
2 5 (1) The department of agriculture and land
2 6 stewardship.
2 7 (2) The department of natural resources.
2 8 (3) The department of economic development.
2 9 (4) The department of transportation.
2 10 f. Two members of the senate and two members of
2 11 the house of representatives, serving as ex officio,
2 12 nonvoting members. The members may be appointed, one
2 13 each by the majority leader of the senate, after
2 14 consultation with the president of the senate, and by
2 15 the minority leader of the senate, and by the speaker
2 16 of the house of representatives, after consultation
2 17 with the majority leader of the house of
2 18 representatives, and by the minority leader of the
2 19 house of representatives. Members shall receive
2 20 compensation pursuant to section 2.12.
2 21 g. The council may, at its discretion, appoint
2 22 individuals representing federal agencies or other
2 23 state agencies or commissions to serve as ex officio,
2 24 nonvoting members.

2 25 3. Members of the Mississippi river partnership
2 26 council, other than members of the general assembly,
2 27 shall be appointed to serve for three-year terms.
2 28 However, among the initial appointments, the persons
2 29 making the appointments of voting members shall
2 30 coordinate appointments of members to serve terms for
2 31 less than three years to ensure staggered terms. The
2 32 persons making the appointments of voting members
2 33 shall also coordinate appointments to meet the
2 34 requirements of sections 69.16 and 69.16A.

2 35 4. The Mississippi river partnership council shall
2 36 meet at least quarterly in one or more Iowa counties
2 37 bordering the Mississippi river during its first three
2 38 years of existence and shall meet at least twice a
2 39 year in one or more Iowa counties bordering the
2 40 Mississippi river after that time. The council shall
2 41 meet at any time on the call of the chairperson.

2 42 5. A majority of the voting members of the
2 43 Mississippi river partnership council constitutes a
2 44 quorum. Any action taken by the council must be
2 45 adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of its
2 46 voting membership.

2 47 6. Until the Mississippi river partnership council
2 48 provides for its permanent staffing and support, the
2 49 east central intergovernmental association, in
2 50 cooperation with councils of governments and county
3 1 boards of supervisors in counties adjacent to the
3 2 Mississippi river, shall be responsible for providing
3 3 the council with administrative support.

3 4 7. The Mississippi river partnership council may
3 5 adopt bylaws and rules of operation consistent with
3 6 this section.

3 7 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 28N.3 MISSISSIPPI RIVER
3 8 PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL == POWERS AND DUTIES.

3 9 1. The Mississippi river partnership council may
3 10 be considered a regional watershed planning group for
3 11 purposes of chapter 466B and shall collaborate with
3 12 the water resources coordinating council established
3 13 pursuant to section 466B.3.

3 14 2. The Mississippi river partnership council's
3 15 duties shall include all of the following:

3 16 a. Reviewing activities and programs administered
3 17 by state and federal agencies that directly impact the
3 18 Mississippi river and its watershed.

3 19 b. Working with local communities, organizations,
3 20 and other states to encourage partnerships that
3 21 promote sustainable economic development opportunities
3 22 in counties along the Mississippi river, as well as
3 23 enhance awareness and capabilities to address
3 24 watershed and water resource concerns and to encourage
3 25 strategies that protect, restore, and expand critical
3 26 habitats, soil conservation, and water quality
3 27 practices.

3 28 c. Working with federal agencies to optimize the
3 29 implementation of programs and the expenditure of
3 30 moneys affecting the Mississippi river and counties in
3 31 Iowa along the Mississippi river, including the upper
3 32 Mississippi river basin association and the
3 33 Mississippi parkway planning commission.

3 34 d. Advising and making recommendations to the
3 35 water resources coordinating council established in
3 36 section 466B.3, the governor, the general assembly,
3 37 and state agencies, regarding strategic plans and
3 38 priorities impacting the Mississippi river, methods to
3 39 optimize the implementation of associated programs,
3 40 and the expenditure of moneys affecting the river, its
3 41 watershed, and counties bordering the Mississippi
3 42 river.

3 43 e. Encouraging local communities in counties
3 44 bordering the Mississippi river to develop watershed
3 45 management plans to address stormwater, erosion,
3 46 flooding, sedimentation, and pollution problems and
3 47 encouraging projects for the natural conveyance and
3 48 storage of floodwaters; the enhancement of wildlife
3 49 habitat and outdoor recreation opportunities; the
3 50 recovery, management, and conservation of the
4 1 Mississippi river and its tributaries; and the
4 2 preservation of farmland, prairies, and forests. Such
4 3 initiatives shall be considered community-based
4 4 subwatershed efforts under chapter 466B.

4 5 f. Identifying and promoting opportunities to

4 6 enhance economic development and job creation in
4 7 communities along the Mississippi river, as well as
4 8 other measurable development efforts, which are
4 9 compatible with the ecological health of the
4 10 Mississippi river and the state.

4 11 g. Helping identify possible sources of funding
4 12 for watershed management projects and sustainable
4 13 economic development opportunities.

4 14 h. Performing other duties and responsibilities in
4 15 the public interest that are reasonably related to the
4 16 purpose of the council.

4 17 3. The department of agriculture and land
4 18 stewardship, the department of natural resources, the
4 19 department of economic development, and the department
4 20 of transportation may apply for grant moneys or may
4 21 solicit moneys from sources to support the work of the
4 22 Mississippi river partnership council.>

4 23 #2. Page 3, by inserting after line 7 the
4 24 following:

4 25 <Sec. ____ . IMPLEMENTATION. Sections 28N.1, 28N.2,
4 26 and 28N.3 as enacted in this Act, shall be implemented
4 27 when persons appointed by the governor to act on
4 28 behalf of the Mississippi river partnership council
4 29 have notified the governor that they have procured at
4 30 least twenty-five thousand dollars in funds or in-kind
4 31 services providing for expenses associated with the
4 32 start-up and first-year administration of the council.
4 33 The department of agriculture and land stewardship,
4 34 the department of natural resources, the department of
4 35 economic development, and the state department of
4 36 transportation may cooperate with such persons to
4 37 facilitate the implementation of sections 28N.1,
4 38 28N.2, and 28N.3, as enacted in this Act.>

4 39 #3. Title page, line 2, by inserting after the
4 40 word <policies,> the following: <, and providing for
4 41 the establishment of a council>.

4 42 #4. By renumbering as necessary.

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